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SERIAL NO.: 10/611,411

GROUP ART UNIT: 3739

EXAMINER: VRETTAKOS

FILED: JUNE 30, 2003

FOR: ELECTRO-SURGICAL INSTRUMENT WITH REPLACEABLE END-
EFFECTORS AND INHIBITED SURFACE CONDUCTION

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on October 12, 2005, applicant has tried unsuccessfully numerous times to reach Examiner Pollard by telephone. As a result, the applicant files this response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The applicant respectfully refers to the amendment filed on October 5, 2005 in which, on page 11, starting on line 10, the Applicant has corrected the status of the claims in the listing of the claims (copy attached). The amendment specifically indicated that claims 20-47 were incorrectly indicated as being "cancelled" and should be changed to "withdrawn" as evident by the statement "claims 20-47 were incorrectly indicated as being 'cancelled'....[t]he correct statuses of the claims are now properly in the current listing of claims herein".

CONCLUSION

The non-compliance cited in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is believed to have been resolved for the reasons stated above. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 408-523-2129. The applicant does not believe any fees are required but should any be considered necessary please charge Deposit Account 403-404

Respectfully submitted,

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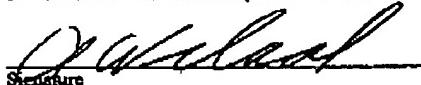
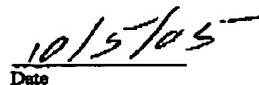
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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